

STATE OF KANSAS
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
DIVISION OF WORKERS COMPENSATION
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION

A public hearing will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. June 21, 2013 in the 3rd floor conference room A, 401 SW Topeka Blvd, Topeka, Kansas, to consider the revocation of a permanent regulation of the Division of Workers Compensation.

The 60-day notice of the public hearing shall constitute a public comment period for the purpose of receiving written public comments on the proposed rule and regulation. All interested parties may submit written comments prior to the hearing to the Director of the Division of Workers Compensation, 401 SW Topeka, Blvd., Suite 2, Topeka, KS 66603-3105 or by e-mail to Anne Haught at anne.haught@dol.ks.gov. All interested parties will be given a reasonable opportunity to present their views orally on the adoption of the proposed regulation during the hearing. In order to give all parties an opportunity to present their views, it may be necessary to request that each participant limit oral presentation to 10 minutes.

Any individual with a disability may request accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing and may request the proposed regulation and economic impact statement in an accessible format. Request for accommodation to participate in the hearing should be made at least five working days in advance of the hearing by contacting Anne Haught, at (785) 296-4000 ext 2155 or anne.haught@dol.ks.gov. Parking for individuals with disabilities is located behind the 401 SW Topeka, Blvd. building. Also, the west entrance of the building is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

A complete copy of the regulation and the economic impact statement may be obtained by contacting the division.

The following is a brief summary of the proposed revocation of the regulation

K.A.R. 51-9-15 K.S.A. 44-557a(2) requires the Director of Workers Compensation to compile and maintain a database of information on claim characteristics and costs related to closed claims, in order to determine the effectiveness of the workers compensation act to provide adequate indemnity, medical and vocational rehabilitation compensation to injured workers and to return injured workers to remunerative employment. K.A.R. 51-9-15 required this information to be collected by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment; beginning in July of 2013 this information will be collected by the National Council on Compensation Insurance.

Copies of the regulation and its economic impact statement may be obtained from the Division of Workers Compensation, , 401 SW Topeka, Blvd., Suite 2, Topeka, KS 66603-3105, (785) 296-4000 ext 2155 or through an e-mail request to Anne Haught at anne.haught@dol.ks.gov.

**KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
DIVISION OF WORKERS COMPENSATION
ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
K.A.R. 51-9-15**

I. Summary of Proposed Regulation, Including Its Purpose.

K.A.R. 51-9-15 is being revoked.

II. Reason the Proposed Regulation is Being Revoked, Including Whether or Not the Regulation is Mandated by Federal Law.

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This regulation is not mandated by federal law, so the regulation does not exceed the requirements of federal law.

III. Anticipated Economic Impact on Private Individuals and Business and Self-Insured Governmental Units and School Districts.

The proposed revocation of regulation K.A.R. 51-9-15 will have no impact on workers compensation benefits paid by employers or their insurance carriers.

IV. Economic Impact on the Division of Workers Compensation.

The proposed revocation of regulation K.A.R. 51-9-15 will save the Division of Workers Compensation approximately \$182,000 per year in costs paid to Kansas

Department of Health and Environment for collecting this data. The National Council on Compensation Insurance will collect and process this data for the Kansas Division of Workers Compensation without cost.

V. Less Costly or Intrusive Methods That Were Considered, but Rejected, and the Reason for Rejection.

There was no less costly method considered.

51-9-15. (Authorized by K.S.A. 74-717, 44-557a, 44-573; implementing K.S.A. 44-557a, 74-716;

effective Aug. 9, 2002; revoked P-_____.)

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